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Hey, Boomers,

The fact that *STC* disappears off the shelves faster than Sonic himself, has prompted your fave read to switch to 'environmentally friendly' paper. To help celebrate this new era of *STC*, this issues' mega-sized Sonic Poster is all yours (and not only do you get that exclusive artwork FREE, but if you turn to the centre pages, there's a pull-out for all you NiGHTS' nuts).

Inside thrills include two new stories; Doctor Robotnik returns to the Emerald Hill Zone and he's brought a 'friend' along for a brand new adventure called The Evil Empire. Plus Amy meets the President - that is Norris Wimple, President of the Badnik Spotters Club!

On the madhouse front, the Professor continues to re-live his schooldays in the final part of Decap's Caught by the Prefects, plus Captain Plunder and those Spice Maidens reach the end of their journey.

Not forgetting about your very own input, the latest batch of Boomer art is assigned to the Red Hot Zone. I'm off now to cool my circuits down after all this excitement! They'll never be the same again!

Megadroid

TAILS GETS TOUGH (IN TWO WEEKS TIME!).

Someone else who looks like he needs cooling down is Miles Prower!

Find out in a fortnight just what has caused *STC*'s twin-tailed hero to to fly off the handle when he drops in for another bout of soaring adventures!

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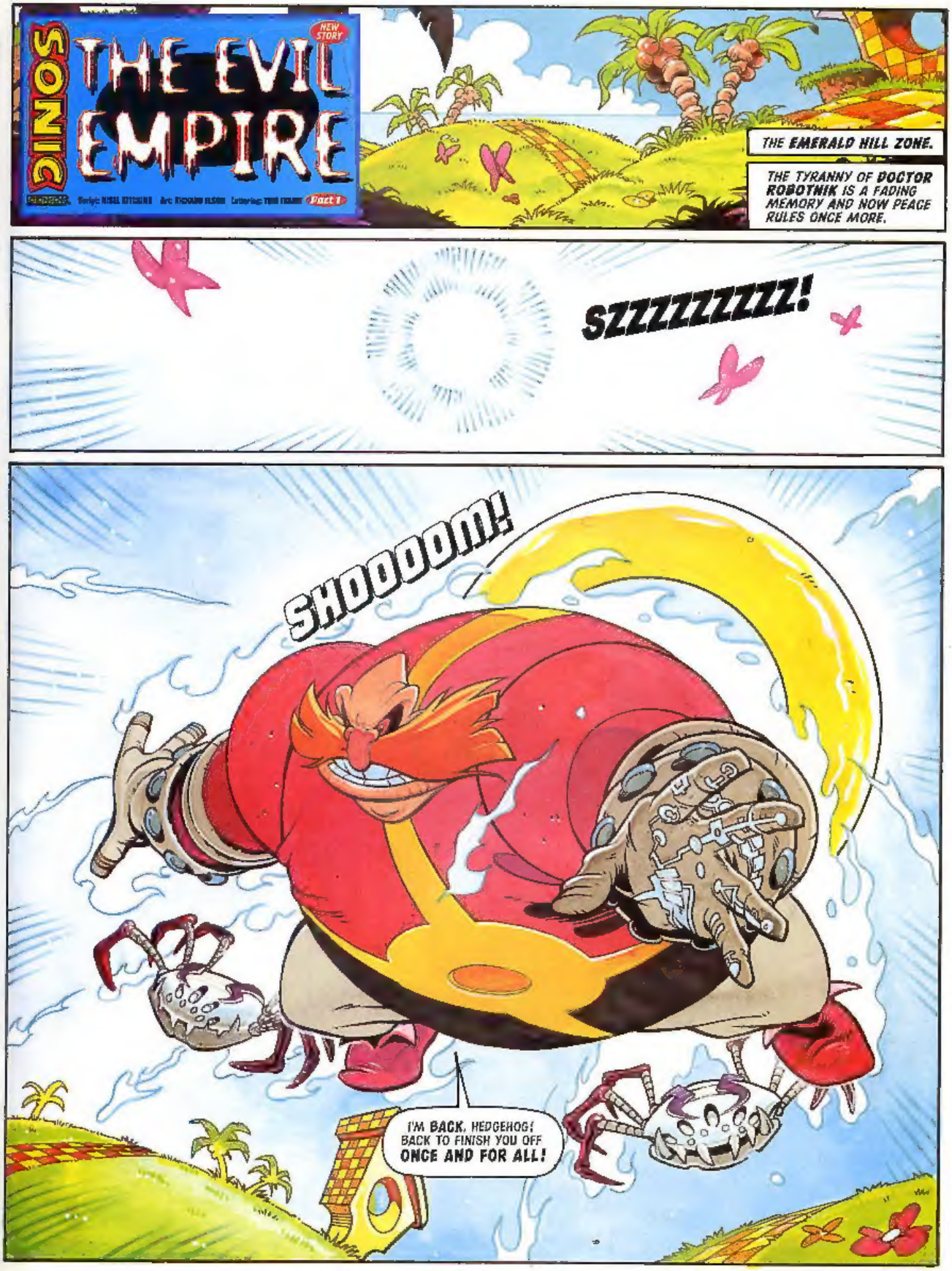
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PART 1
THE EMERALD HILL ZONE.
THE TYRANNY OF DOCTOR ROBOTNIK IS A FADING MEMORY AND NOW PEACE RULES ONCE MORE.
SZZZZZZZZZZ!
SHOOOOOM!
I'M BACK, HEDGEHOG! BACK TO FINISH YOU OFF ONCE AND FOR ALL!

NEARBY AT THE **EMERALD HILL VILLAGE.**

YOU THINK THIS IS GOING TO **WORK**, KINTOBOR?

IF YOU'VE FOLLOWED MY **INSTRUCTIONS**, SONIC, THEN IT'LL **WORK!**

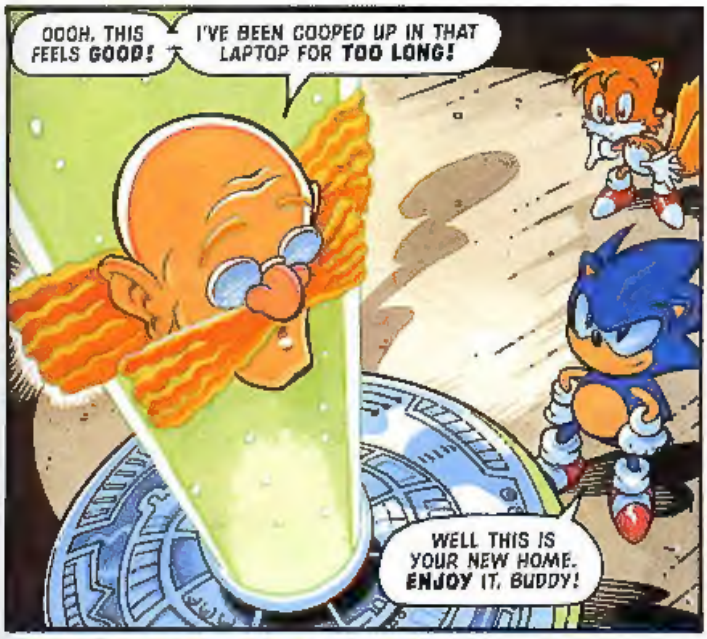
STILL, I WISH **PORKER LEWIS** WAS HERE... THIS SCIENTIFIC STUFF IS **HIS** SPECIALITY!*

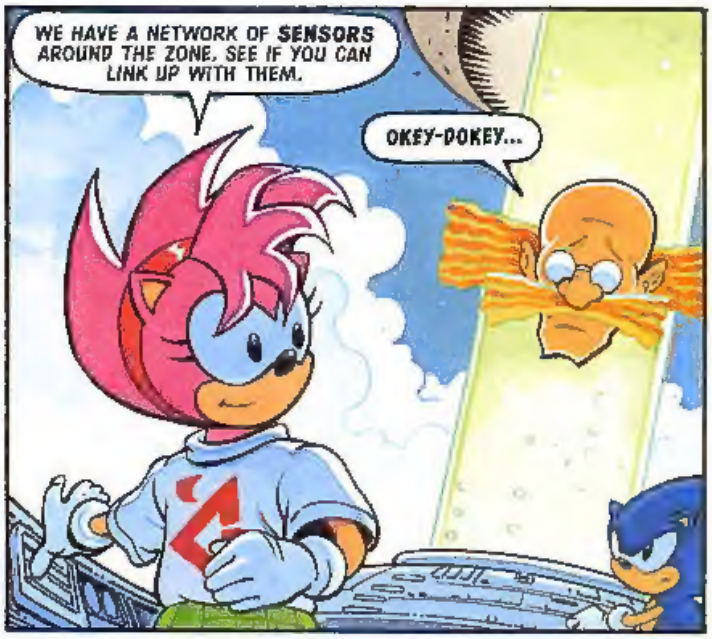
*PORKER IS HELPING OUT KNUCKLES ON THE FLOATING ISLAND – *Megadroid.*

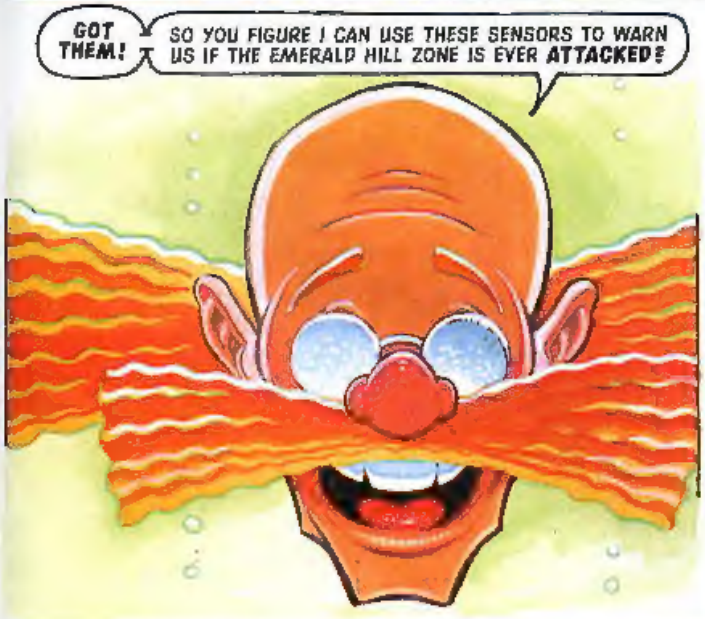
OKAY, AMY... WE NEED TO DO THIS **SIMULTANEOUSLY!** THREE – TWO – ONE –

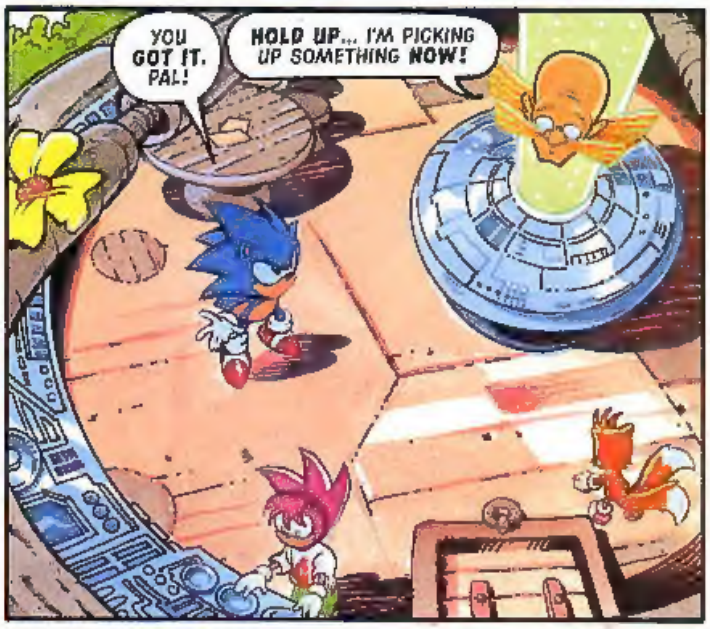
NOW!

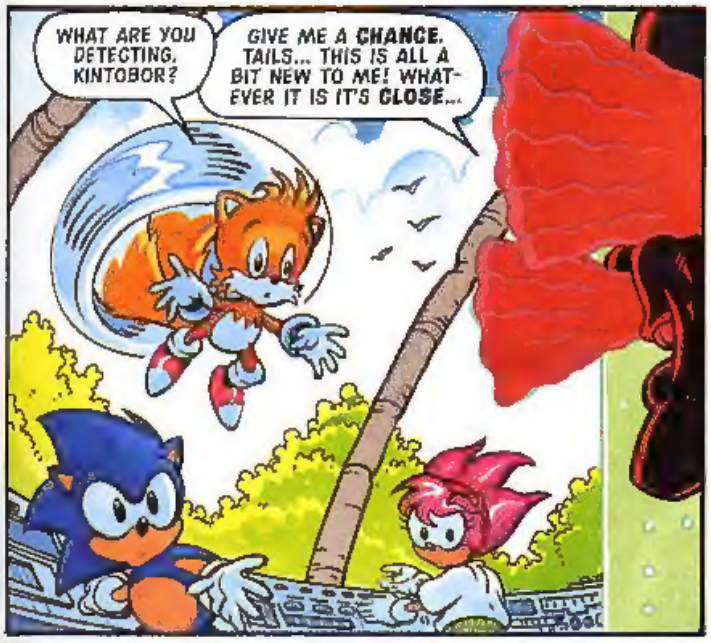
IT WORKED!

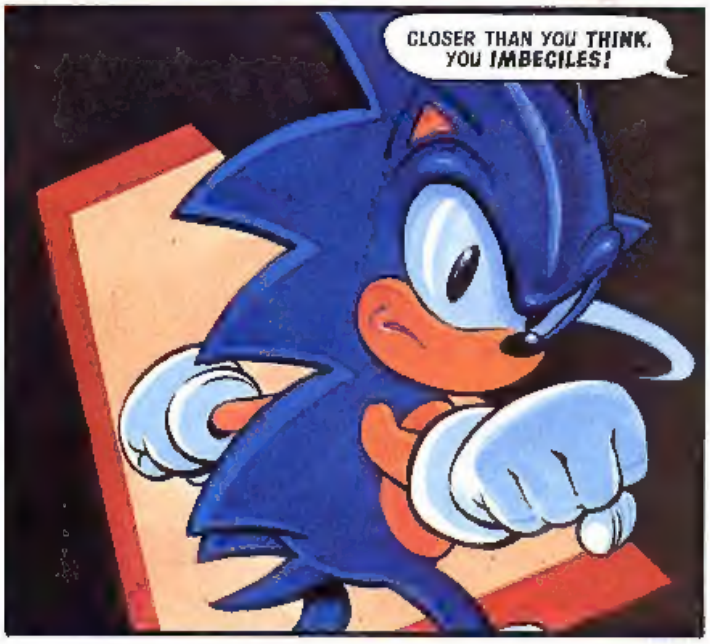

OOOH, THIS FEELS GOOD!
I'VE BEEN COOPED UP IN THAT LAPTOP FOR TOO LONG!
WELL THIS IS YOUR NEW HOME. ENJOY IT, BUDDY!


WE HAVE A NETWORK OF SENSORS AROUND THE ZONE. SEE IF YOU CAN LINK UP WITH THEM.
OKEY-DOKEY...

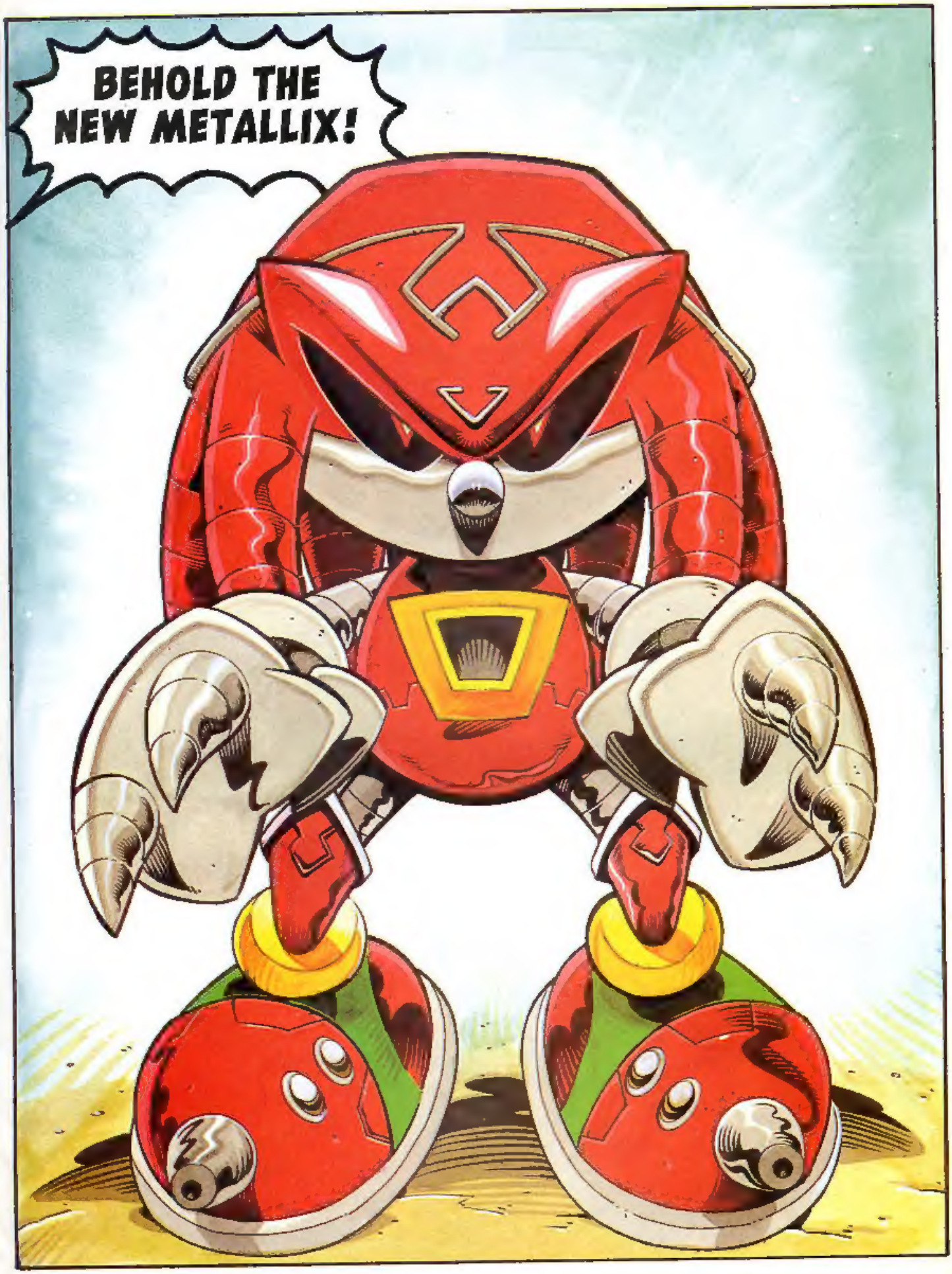

GOT THEM!
SO YOU FIGURE I CAN USE THESE SENSORS TO WARN US IF THE EMERALD HILL ZONE IS EVER ATTACKED?


YOU GOT IT, PAL!
HOLD UP... I'M PICKING UP SOMETHING NOW!

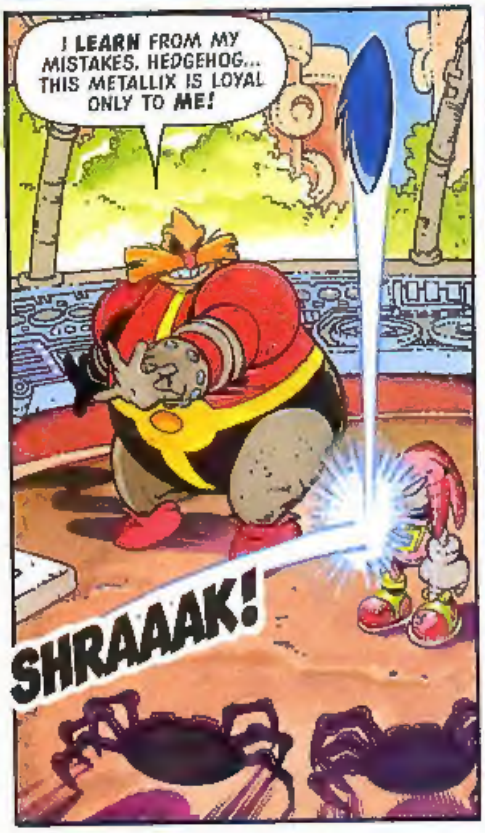

WHAT ARE YOU DETECTING, KINTOBOR?
GIVE ME A CHANCE, TAILS... THIS IS ALL A BIT NEW TO ME! WHATEVER IT IS IT'S CLOSE...


CLOSER THAN YOU THINK, YOU IMBECILES!

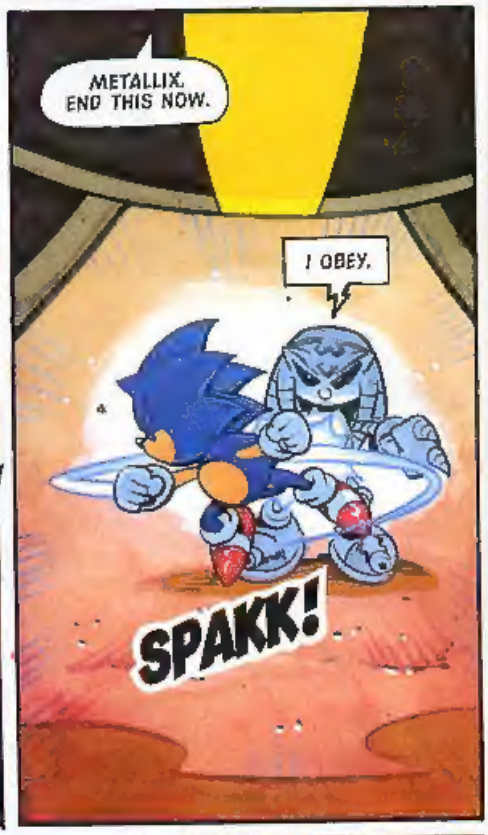
ROBOTNIK!
BUT... BUT YOU WERE CAPTURED AND TAKEN AWAY BY THAT PROSECUTOR CREATURE!*
*SEE STC 106 – Megadroid.
TRUE, YOU TWO-TAILED CHUMP!
FORTUNATELY, THE DRAKON EMPIRE ARE AN ENLIGHTENED CIVILISATION... THEY RECOGNISED MY GENIUS!
IN OTHER WORDS WE MADE A DEAL! AND NOW WITH THE MIGHT OF THE DRAKON EMPIRE BEHIND ME, I AM INVINCIBLE!
BADNIKS, DEAL WITH THE HEDGEHOG'S FRIENDS!
ZAKK!
AAGGGH!
AHHHHH!
YOUR NEW BREED OF BADNIK MAY BE TOUGH... BUT I CAN STILL TAKE THEM OUT!
OH, I REALISE THAT...
THAT'S WHY I'VE BROUGHT HIM!
KNUCKLES?


BEHOLD THE NEW METALLIX!

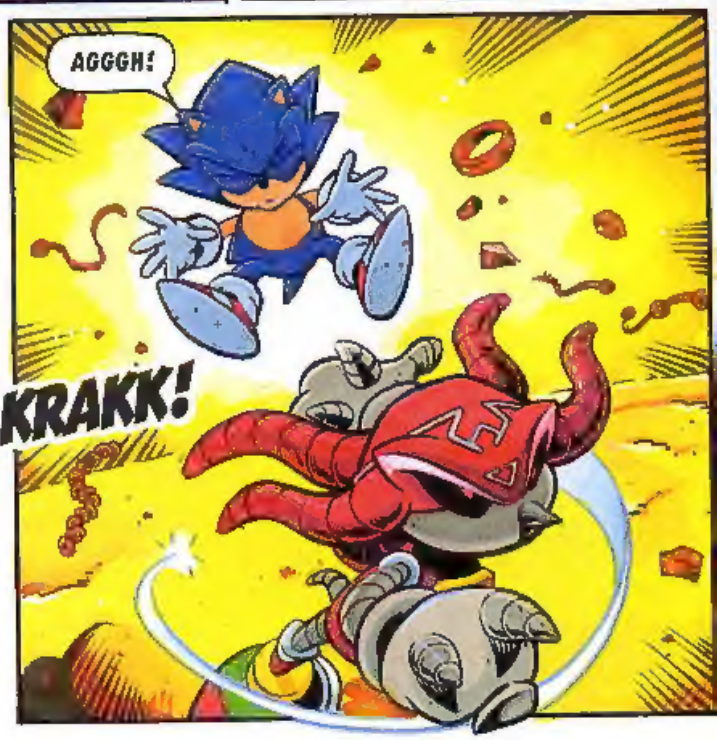
YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY **CRAZY**, ROBOTNIK... LAST TIME YOU BUILT METALLIXES, THEY ENDED UP **TURNING** ON YOU!

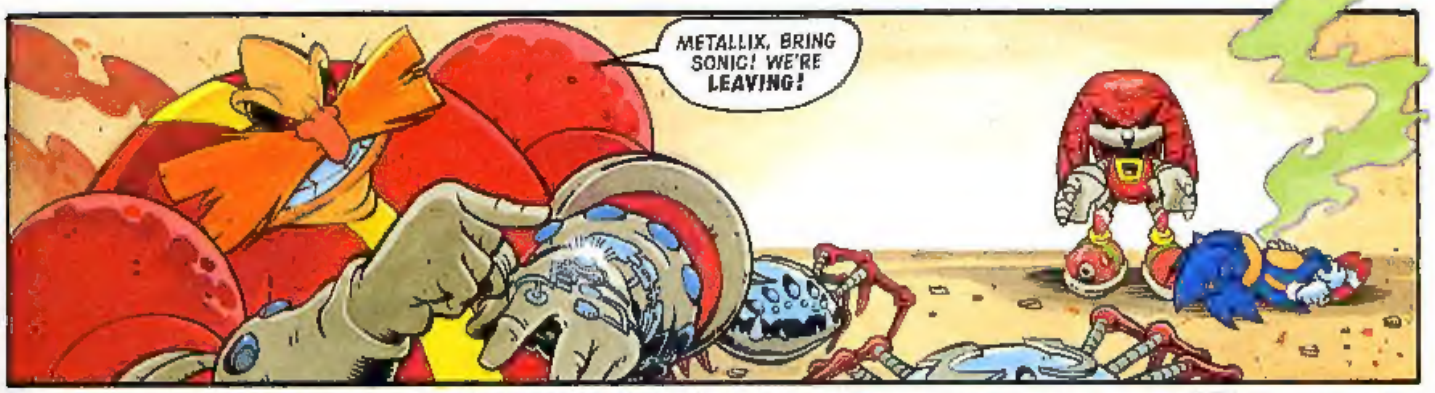

I **LEARN** FROM MY MISTAKES, HEDGEHOG... THIS METALLIX IS LOYAL ONLY TO **ME!**
SHRAAAK!

ALTHOUGH AS YOU CAN SEE, HE IS EVERY BIT AS **STURDY** AS HIS PREDECESSOR!
WAK!


METALLIX, END THIS NOW.
I OBEY.
SPAKK!

URK!...


AGGGH!
KRAKK!

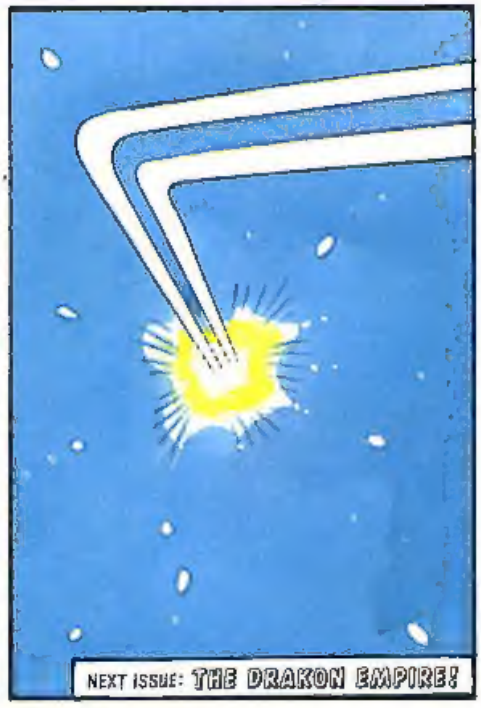

METALLIX, BRING SONIC! WE'RE LEAVING!

SHOOOOM!
NOW THAT I CAN CONTROL THIS MOBIUS RING, NOWHERE ON THE PLANET IS SAFE FROM ME!
HAHAHAHAHAHA!

OOOOH! WHAT HIT ME?

SONIC... NO!

SONIC NEEDS HELP... I'VE GOT TO FOLLOW!


NEXT ISSUE: THE DRAKON EMPIRE!

Part 6
CAPTAIN Plunder AND THE SPICE MAIDENS
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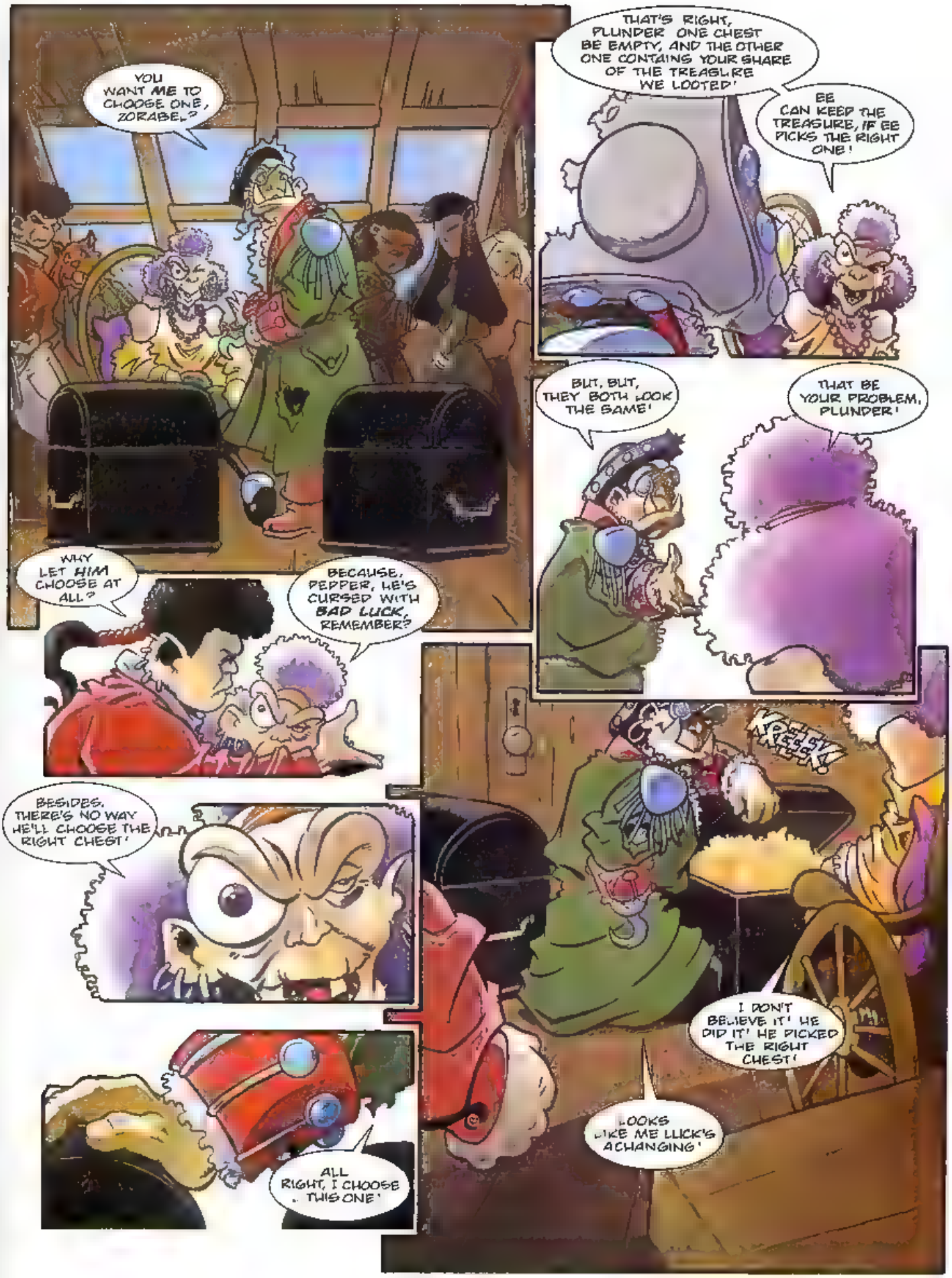
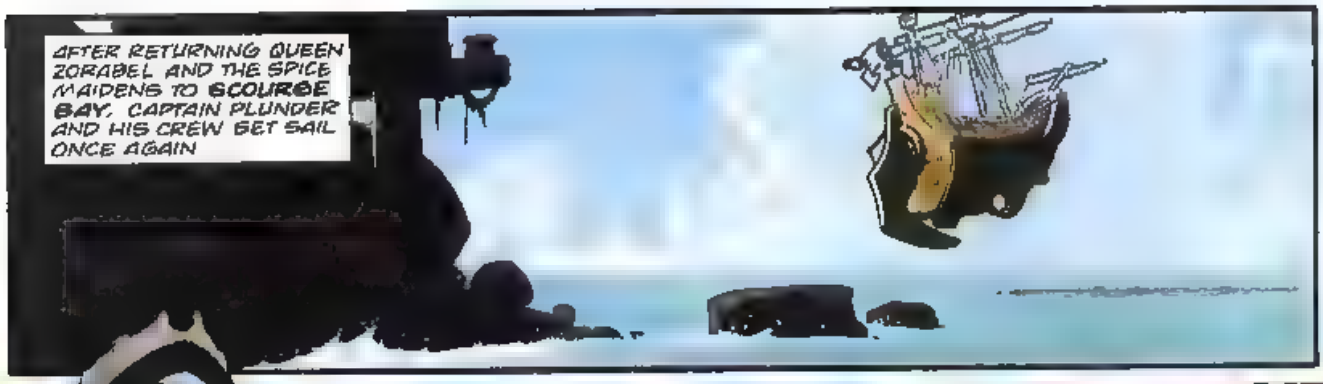
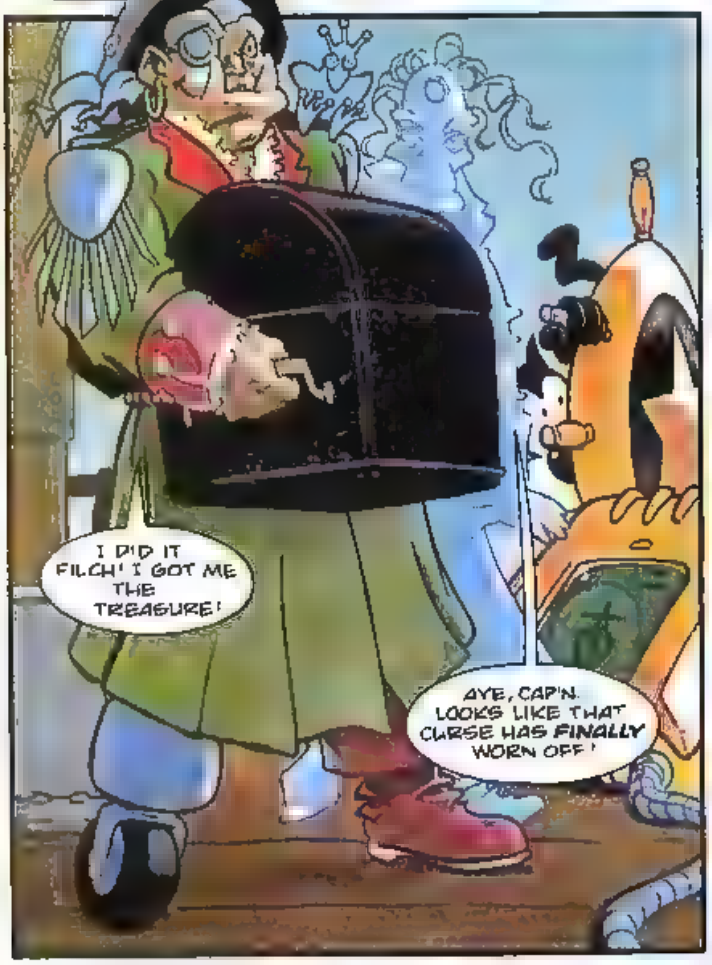
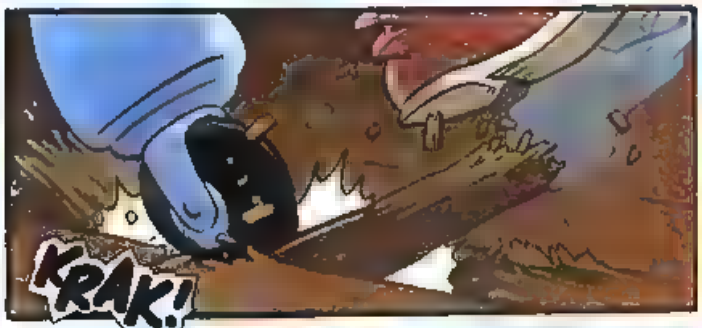
PLUNDER'S A LUCKY DOG! IT FEELS LIKE WE'VE BEEN CHASING HIM FOREVER!
DON'T WORRY, HIS LUCK CAN'T LAST!
IT'S NO GOOD, CAPTAIN TIBERIUS. WE CAN'T GET A LOCK ON HIS SIGNAL. CAPTAIN PLUNDER'S SHIP IS STILL PROTECTED BY HIS SECURITY SHIELD.
AYE. AND THEN I'LL MAKE THE DOG PAY FOR BETRAYING ME WHEN WE BOTH SERVED UNDER BLACK BEAK!

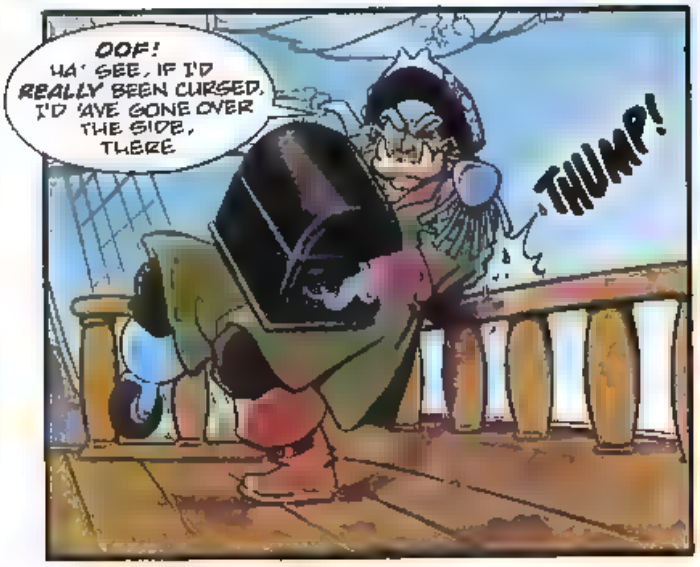

YOU WANT ME TO CHOOSE ONE, ZORABEL?
THAT'S RIGHT, PLUNDER ONE CHEST BE EMPTY, AND THE OTHER ONE CONTAINS YOUR SHARE OF THE TREASURE WE LOOTED!
BE CAN KEEP THE TREASURE, IF BE PICKS THE RIGHT ONE!
BUT, BUT, THEY BOTH LOOK THE SAME!
THAT BE YOUR PROBLEM, PLUNDER!
WHY LET HIM CHOOSE AT ALL?
BECAUSE, PEPPER, HE'S CURSED WITH BAD LUCK, REMEMBER?
BESIDES, THERE'S NO WAY HE'LL CHOOSE THE RIGHT CHEST!
ALL RIGHT, I CHOOSE . THIS ONE!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! HE DID IT! HE PICKED THE RIGHT CHEST!
LOOKS LIKE ME LUCK'S ACHANGING!

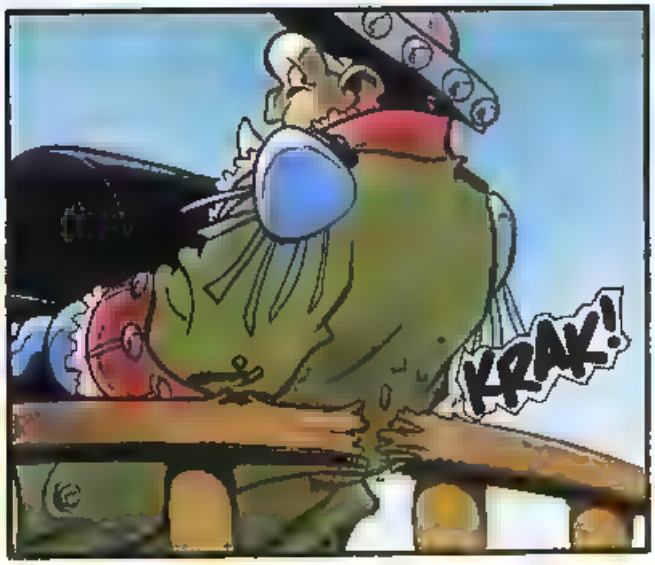

AFTER RETURNING QUEEN ZORABEL AND THE SPICE MAIDENS TO SCOURGE BAY, CAPTAIN PLUNDER AND HIS CREW SET SAIL ONCE AGAIN


I DID IT FILCH! I GOT ME THE TREASURE!
AYE, CAP'N. LOOKS LIKE THAT CURSE HAS FINALLY WORN OFF!


KRAK!

WHOOOA.. WHAAA... WHOA!


OOF! HA' SEE, IF I'D REALLY BEEN CURSED, I'D 'AVE GONE OVER THE SIDE, THERE.
THUMP!


KRAK!

AAAAAH!
THUNK!
IT BE ALL RIGHT, MATES I'VE STILL GOT THE TREASURE HAUL ME BACK UP!
OH NO!
CHAK!
CAP'N! ALL THAT GOLD HAS DISRUPTED THE SECURITY SHIELD
I JUST DON'T CARE ANY MORE! MY LUCK CAN'T GET ANY WORSE!
WHAT ELSE BE THERE THAT COULD GO WRONG?

NEXT ISSUE TAILS RETURNS IN KOG THE MIGHTY!

NEXT ISSUE...

SONIC IN THE HOUSE OF WAR!

THE EVIL EMPIRE CONTINUES!

DECAP ATTACK!

DREADED POOPLE PLAGUE!

AMY!

STAR STRUCK!

TAILS!

KOG THE MIGHTY!

METALLIX PIN-UP!

Decap Attack

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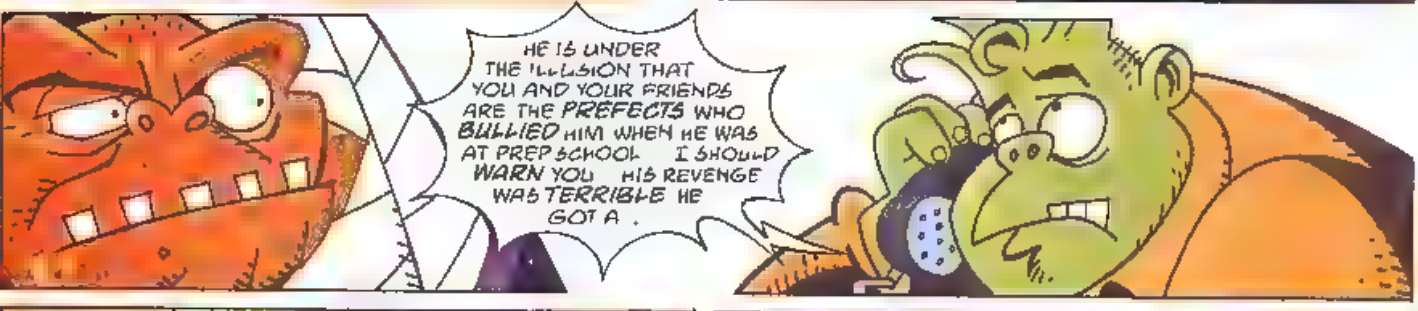
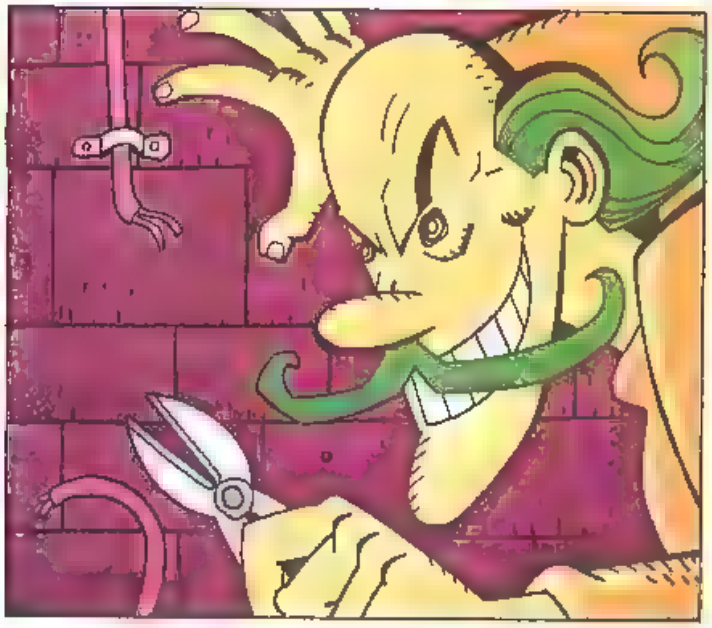
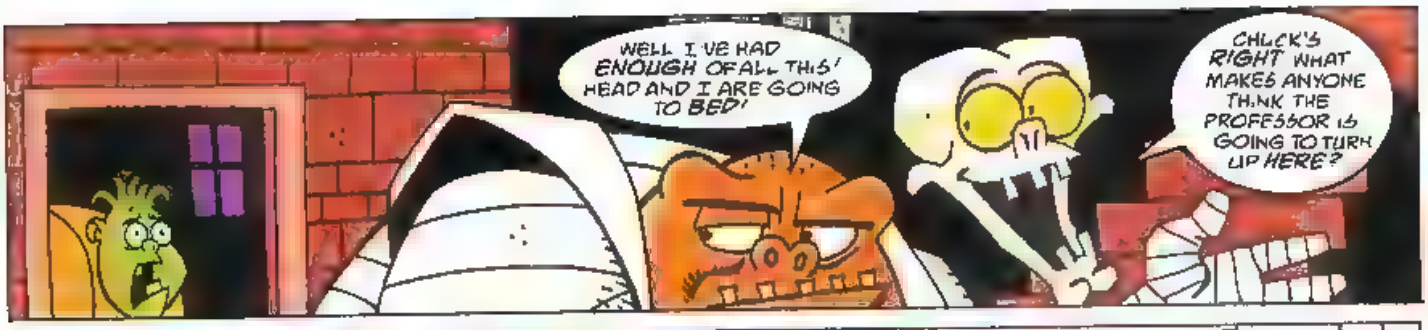
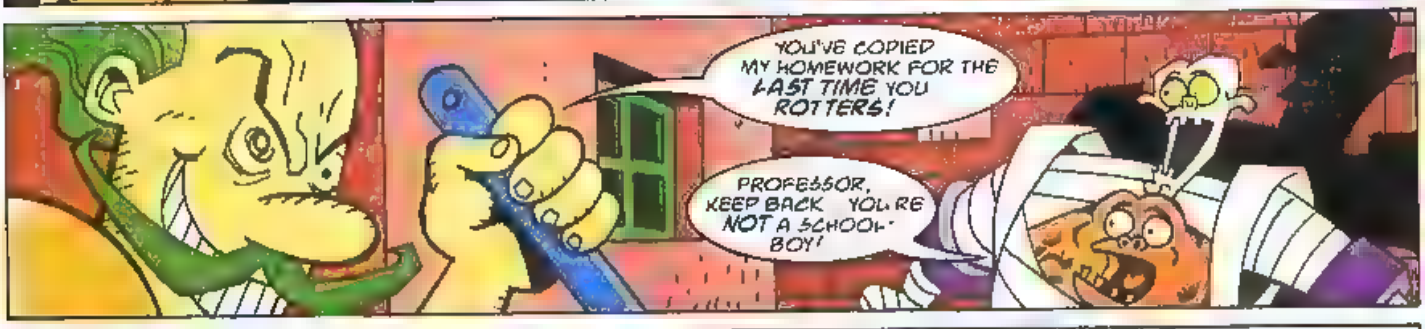


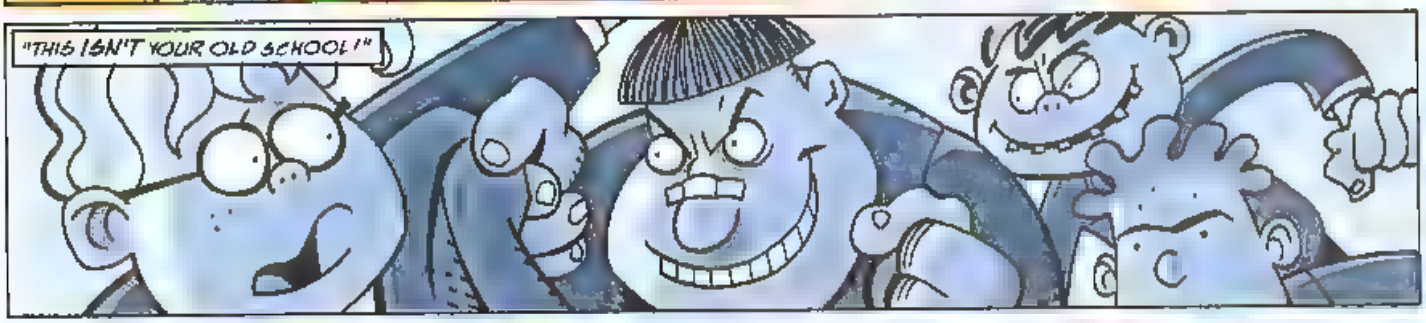



WELL I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF ALL THIS! HEAD AND I ARE GOING TO BED!
CHUCK'S RIGHT WHAT MAKES ANYONE THINK THE PROFESSOR IS GOING TO TURN UP HERE?

YOU'VE HAD THIS COMING FOR A LONG TIME, STINKY BATES, AND YOU TOO PONGO!
PROFESSOR? NO, YOU'RE MAKING A BIG MISTAKE!
YEEKS!

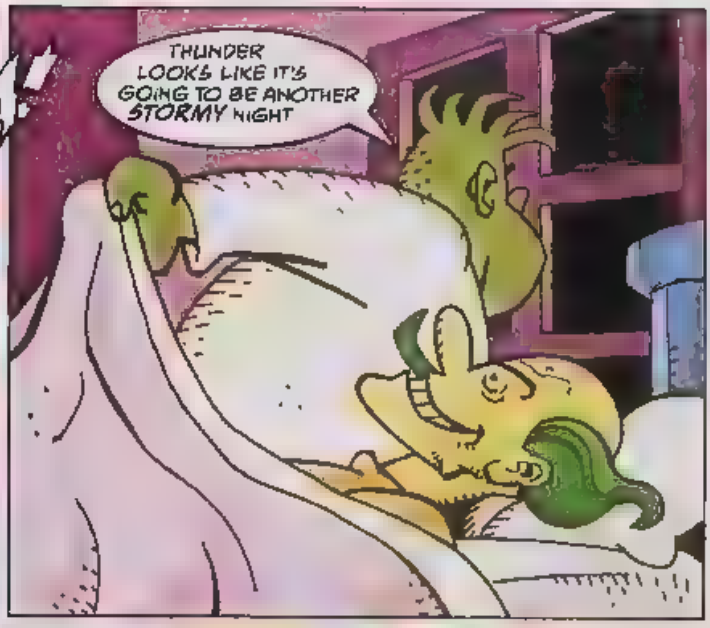
PROFESSOR STOP! YOU'RE NOT WELL. I'M NOT STINKY!
YOU ARE FROM WHERE I'M SITTING


YOU'VE COPIED MY HOMEWORK FOR THE LAST TIME YOU ROTTERS!
PROFESSOR, KEEP BACK YOU'RE NOT A SCHOOL-BOY!


"THIS ISN'T YOUR OLD SCHOOL!"

YAAAAAAA!

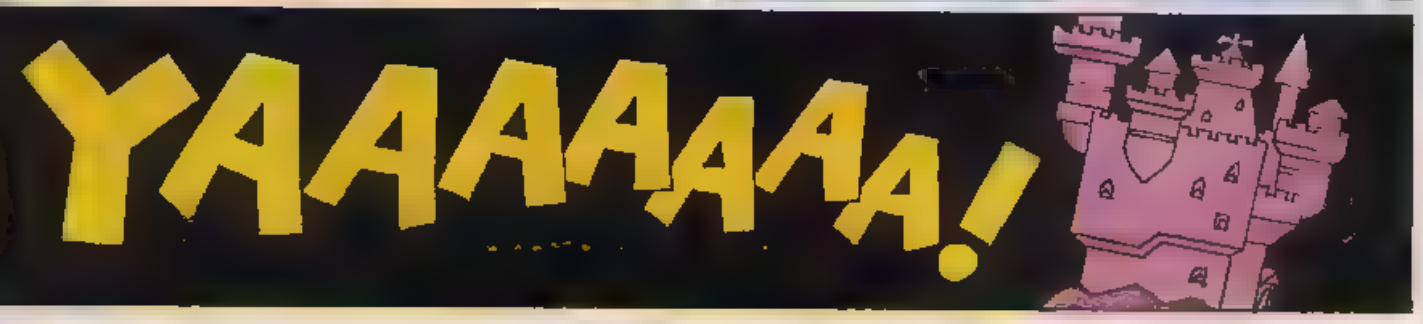
I REALLY HOPE THEY FIND THE PROFESSOR SOON IT'S PAY DAY ON TUESDAY!
KRA-BOOM!

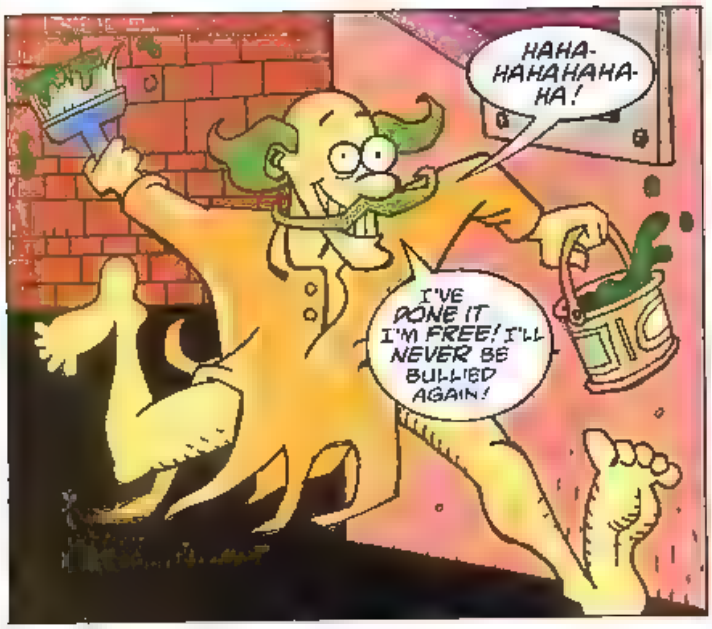

THUNDER LOOKS LIKE IT'S GOING TO BE ANOTHER STORMY NIGHT

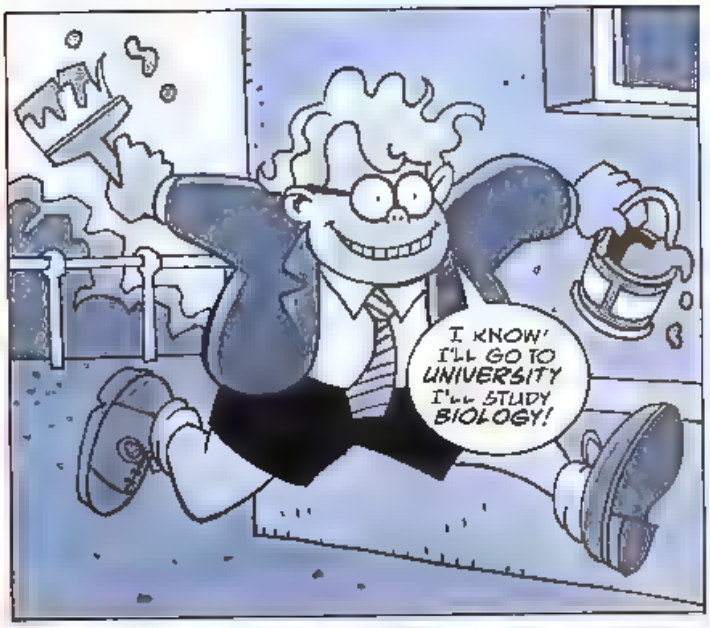
HELLO BASHER, IT'S ME! I WANT MY CONKERS BACK!

PROFESSOR, NO! IT'S ME, IGOR, YOUR BEST FRIEND IN ALL THE WORLD!

GIVE ME BACK MY CONKERS, OR YOU'LL GET WHAT STINKY AND PONGO GOT!


YAAAAAAA!

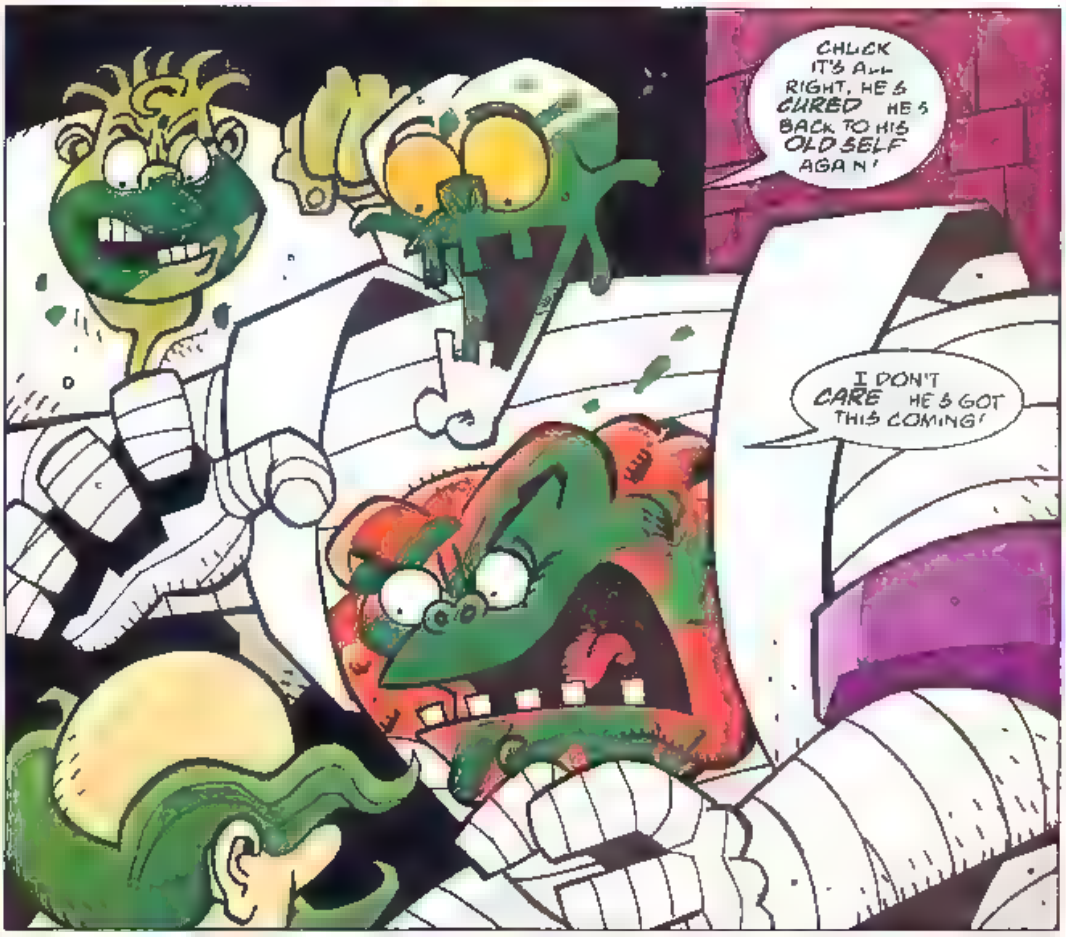

HAHA-HAHAHAHA-HA!
I'VE DONE IT I'M FREE! I'LL NEVER BE BULLIED AGAIN!


I KNOW! I'LL GO TO UNIVERSITY I'LL STUDY BIOLOGY!

I'LL BECOME A MAD PROFESSOR
SO WHAT IF I'VE NEVER BEEN POPULAR

FROM NOW ON I'LL MAKE MY OWN FRIENDS!

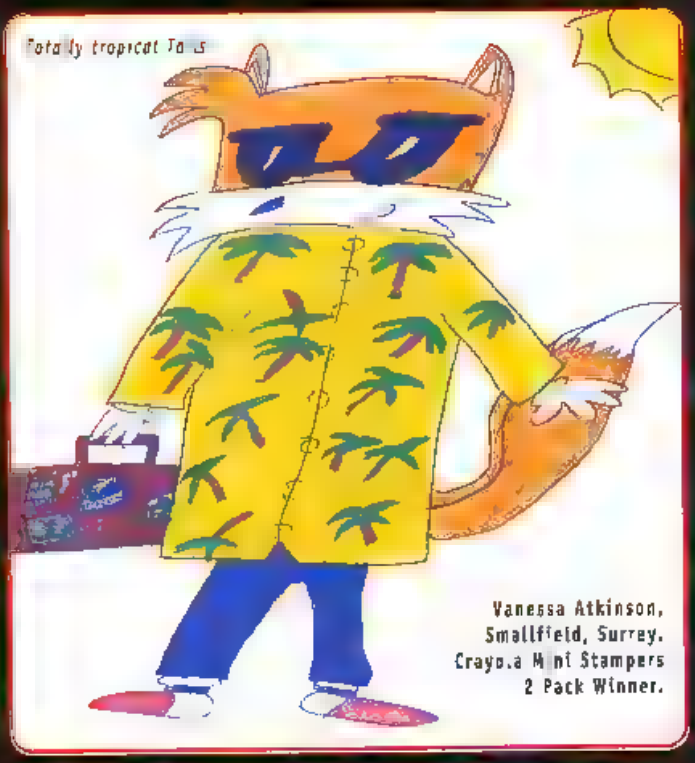
KRAZZKIE!



NEXT ISSUE. THE DREADED POOPLE PLAGUE!

RED HOT ZONE

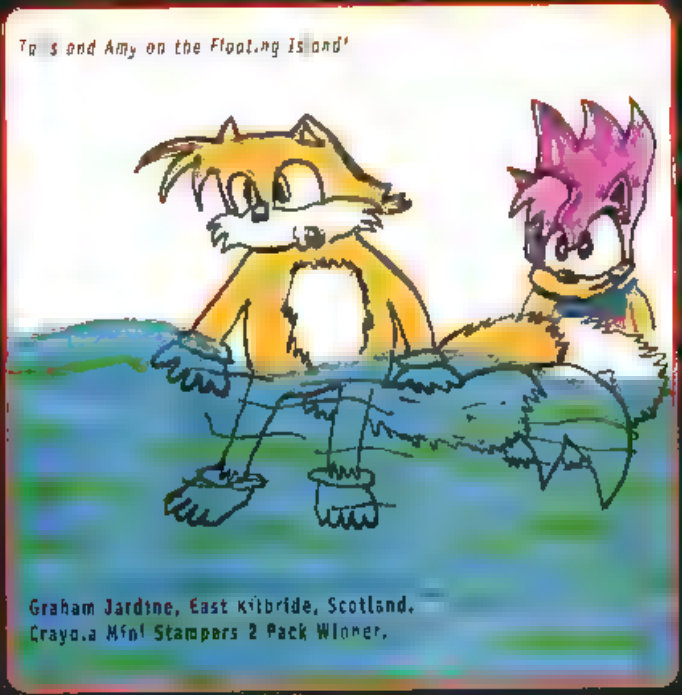
EACH ARTIST-HUME WHO GETS THEIR HANDYWORK PRINTED IN *STC* WILL RECEIVE A PACK OF CRAYOLA MINI STAMPERS 2, SHAPED-NIBBED, COLOUR PENS.



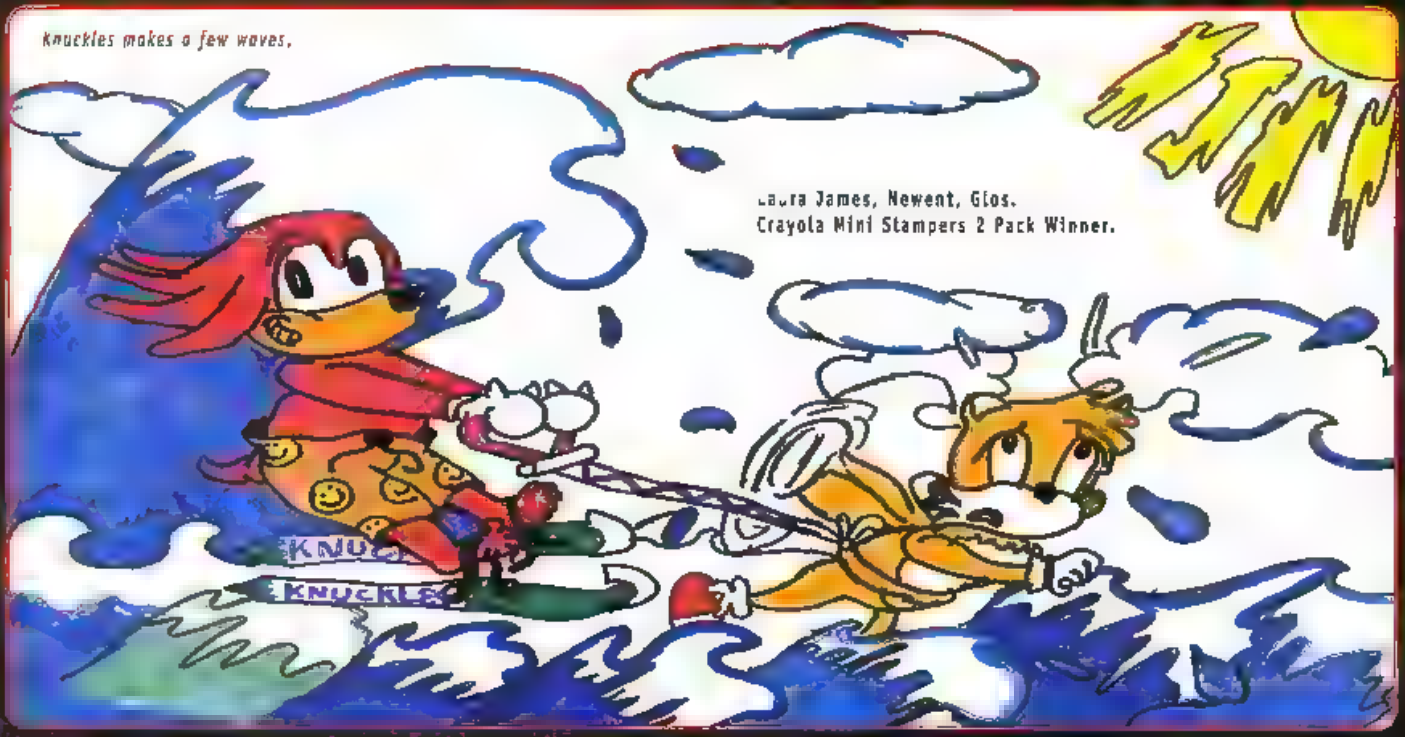
Vanessa Atkinson, Smallfield, Surrey. Crayola Mini Stampers 2 Pack Winner.

Joanne Brodribb, Swadlincote, Derbyshire. Crayola Mini Stampers 2 Pack Winner.

Elizabeth Tyler, Ratby, Leicester. Crayola Mini Stampers 2 Pack Winner.



Graham Jardine, East Kilbride, Scotland. Crayola Mini Stampers 2 Pack Winner.



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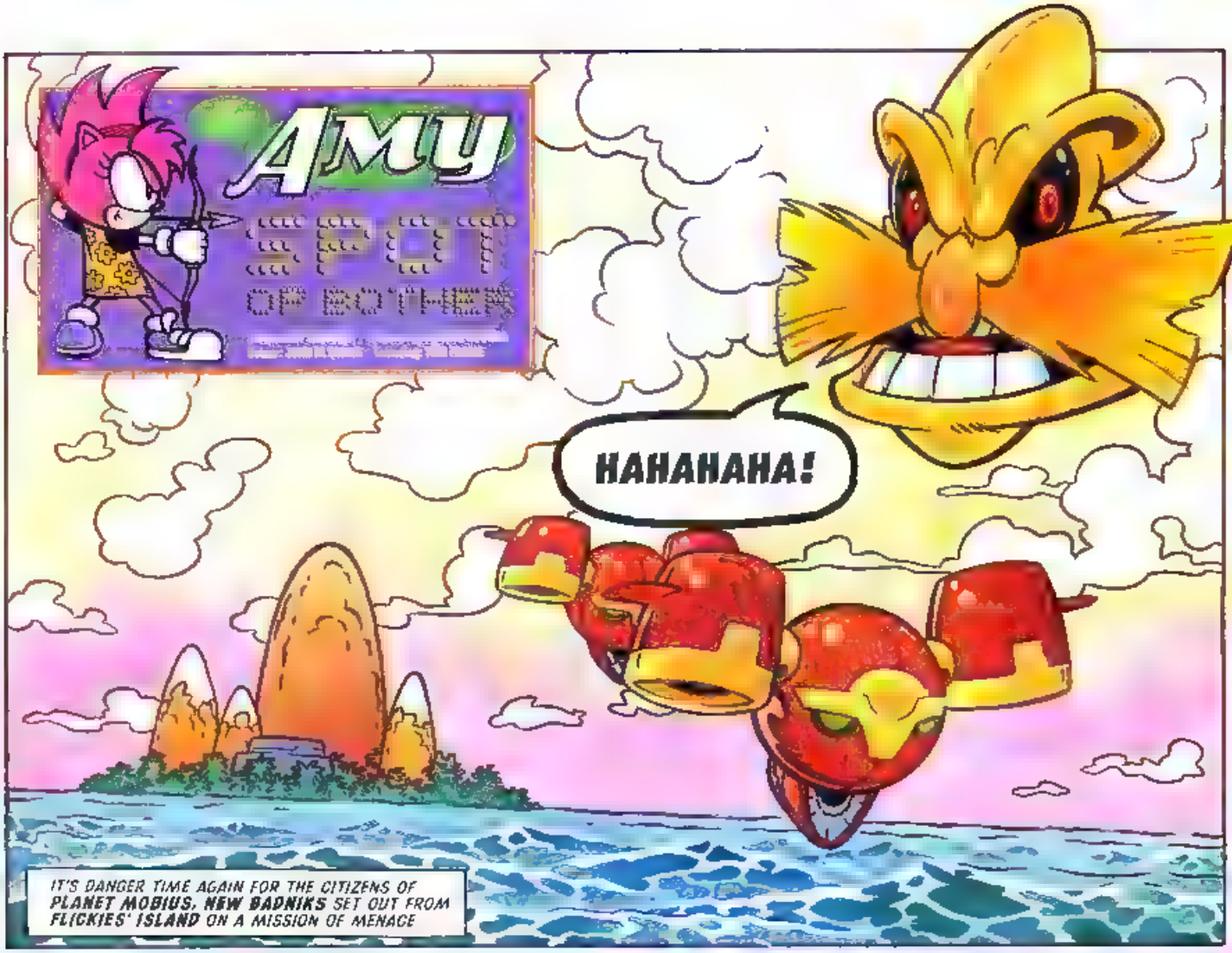
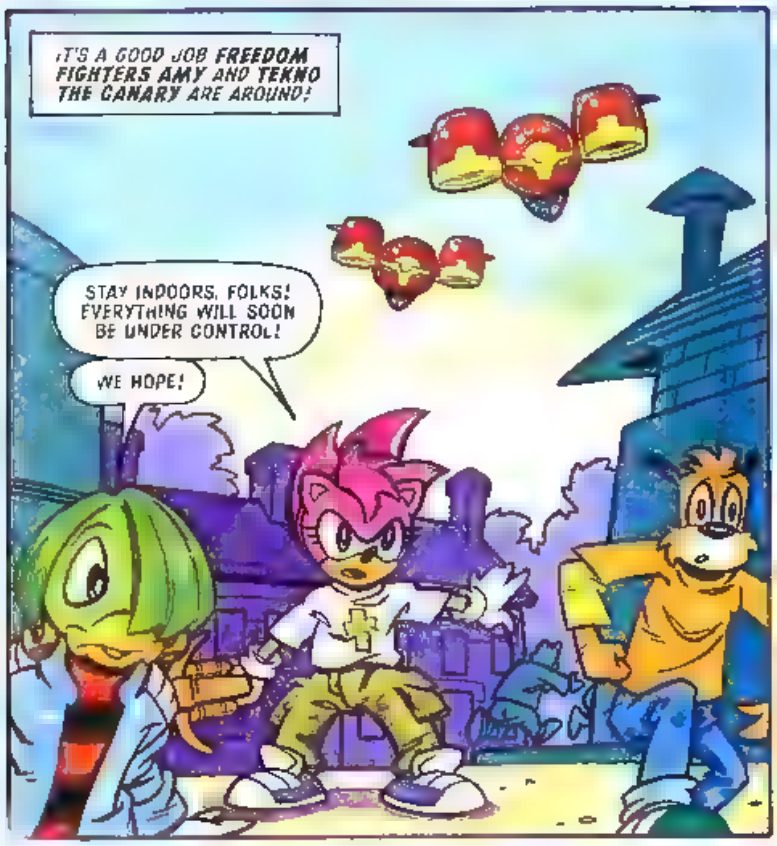
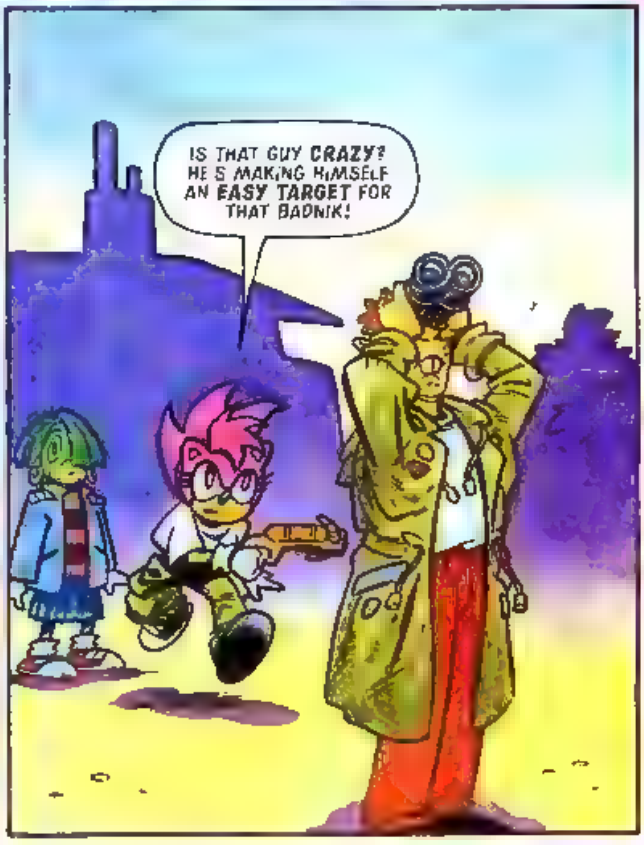
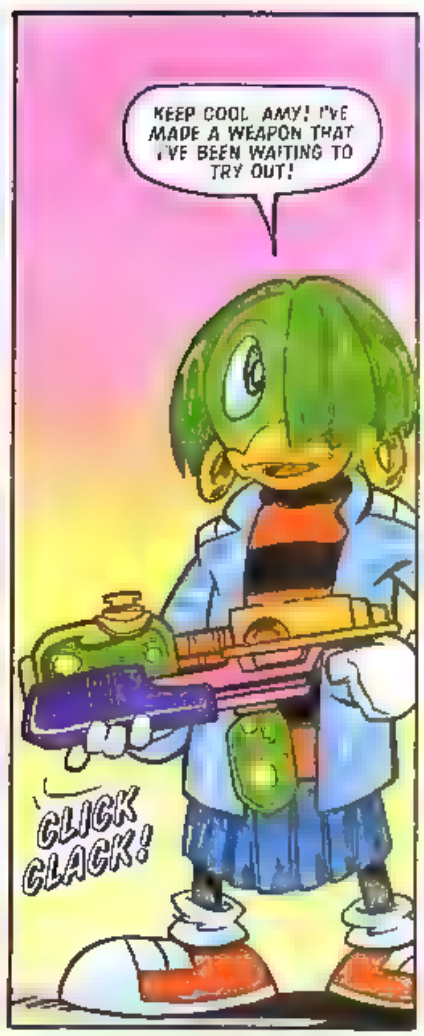

AMY
SPOT OF BOTHER
HAHAHAHA!
IT'S DANGER TIME AGAIN FOR THE CITIZENS OF PLANET MOBIUS, NEW BADNIKS SET OUT FROM FLICKIES' ISLAND ON A MISSION OF MENACE


IT'S A GOOD JOB FREEDOM FIGHTERS AMY AND TEKNO THE CANARY ARE AROUND!
STAY INDOORS, FOLKS! EVERYTHING WILL SOON BE UNDER CONTROL!
WE HOPE!

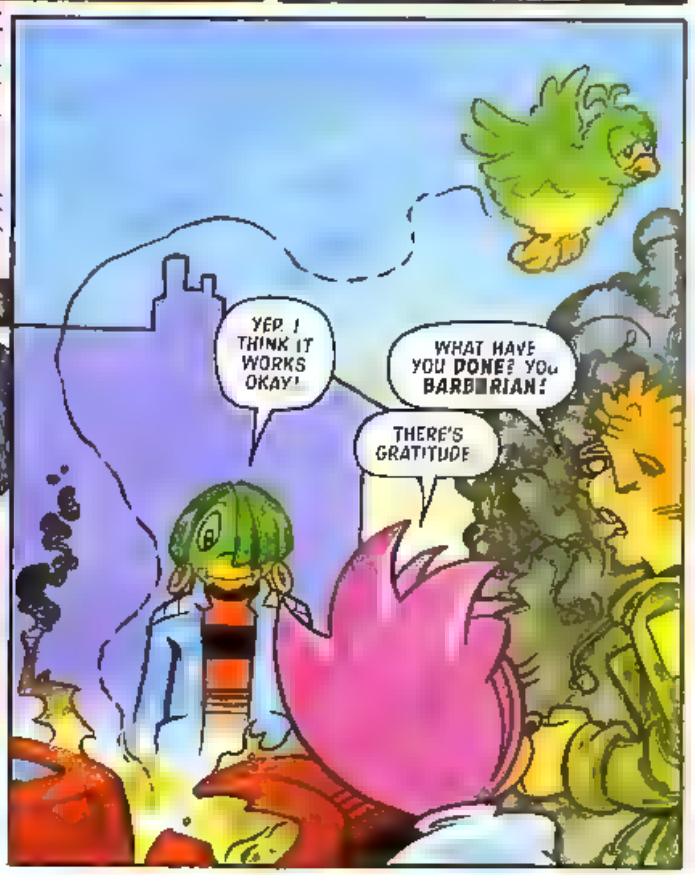

IS THAT GUY CRAZY? HE'S MAKING HIMSELF AN EASY TARGET FOR THAT BADNIK!

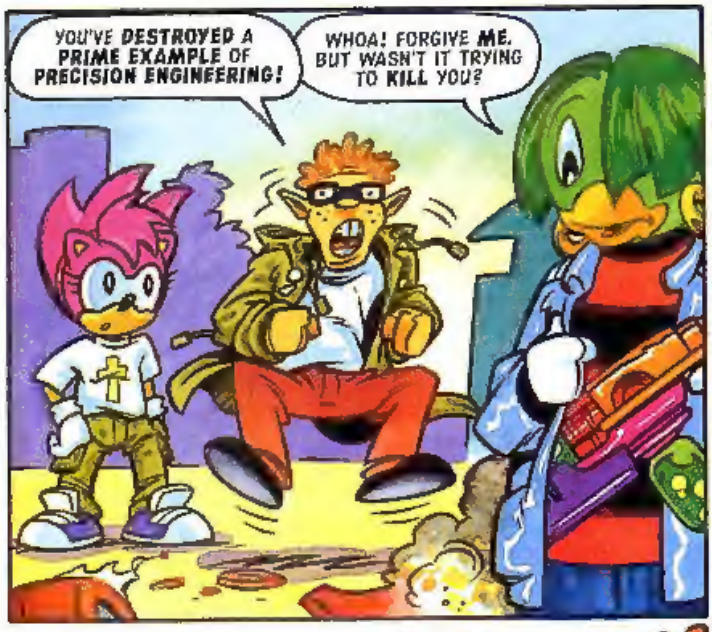
ZZATT!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING.. GET DOWN!
OOOFF!

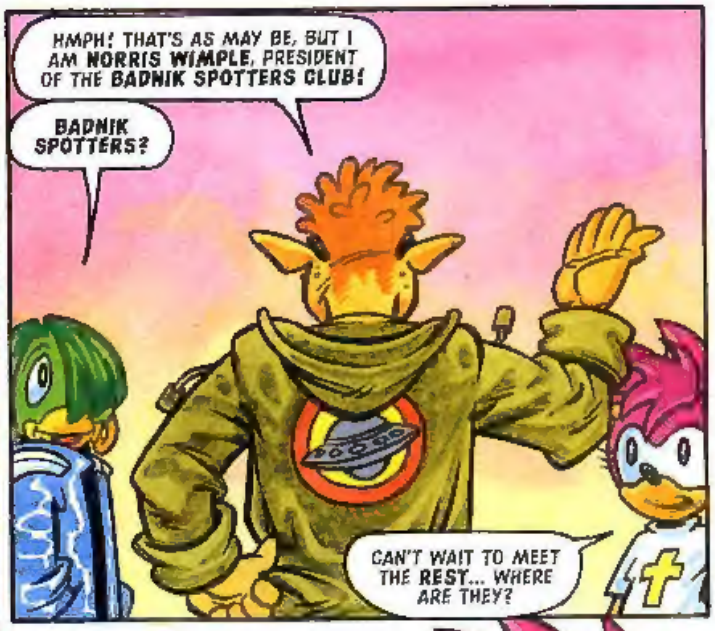
THAT THING S COMING BACK FOR ANOTHER GO AND I CAN'T REACH MY CROSSBOW IN TIME TO STOP IT!


KEEP COOL AMY! I'VE MADE A WEAPON THAT I'VE BEEN WAITING TO TRY OUT!
CLICK CLACK!

KABOOM!


YEP. I THINK IT WORKS OKAY!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE? YOU BARBARIAN!
THERE'S GRATITUDE


YOU'VE DESTROYED A PRIME EXAMPLE OF PRECISION ENGINEERING!
WHOA! FORGIVE ME. BUT WASN'T IT TRYING TO KILL YOU?

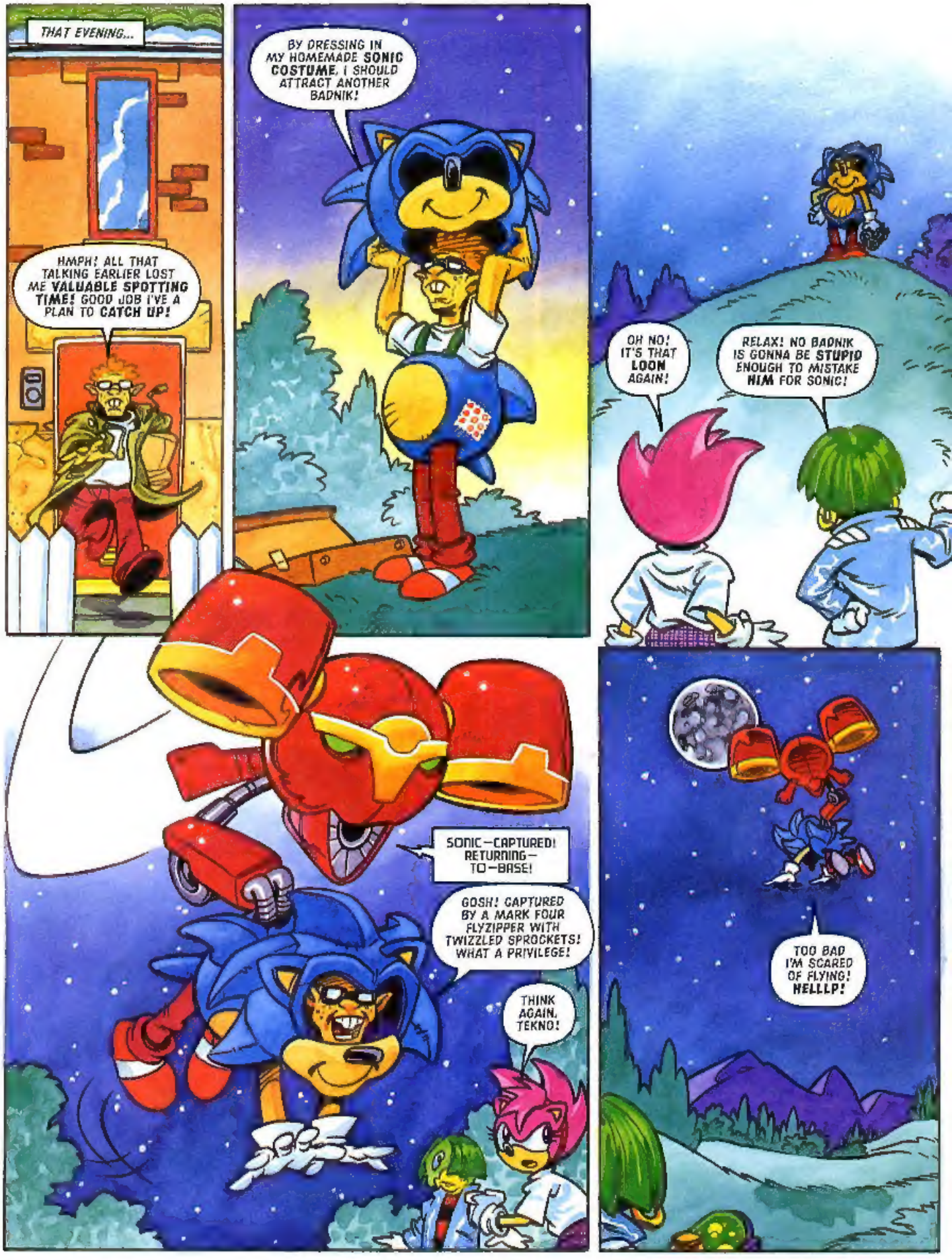

HMPH! THAT'S AS MAY BE, BUT I AM NORRIS WIMPLE, PRESIDENT OF THE BADNIK SPOTTERS CLUB!
BADNIK SPOTTERS?
CAN'T WAIT TO MEET THE REST... WHERE ARE THEY?

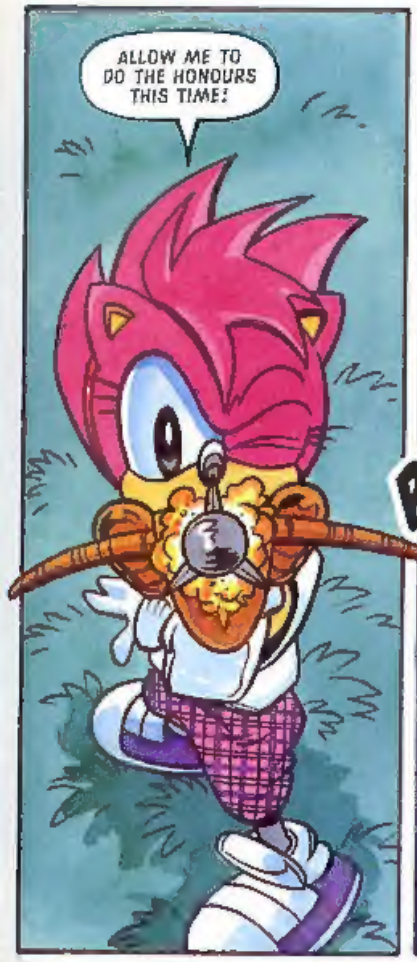
WELL, ER... THERE'S ONLY ME SO FAR...
WONDER WHY!
BUT I BELIEVE IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO SHOW STRONG LEADERSHIP!

COLLECTING THEIR SERIAL NUMBERS IS A FASCINATING HOBBY!
I NEVER KNEW BADNIKS HAD SERIAL NUMBERS!

THEY DON'T! I MAKE THEM UP SO I CAN THEN TICK THEM OFF!

ANYWAY, NO TIME FOR IDLE CHATTER! I MUST HURRY HOME AND MAKE LISTS OF MY LISTS!
CATCH YOU LATER, PARTY DUDE!
HAVE FUN, NORRIS!


THAT EVENING...
HMPH! ALL THAT TALKING EARLIER LOST ME VALUABLE SPOTTING TIME! GOOD JOB I'VE A PLAN TO CATCH UP!
BY DRESSING IN MY HOMEMADE SONIC COSTUME, I SHOULD ATTRACT ANOTHER BADNIK!
OH NO! IT'S THAT LOON AGAIN!
RELAX! NO BADNIK IS GONNA BE STUPID ENOUGH TO MISTAKE HIM FOR SONIC!
SONIC—CAPTURED! RETURNING—TO—BASE!
GOSH! CAPTURED BY A MARK FOUR FLYZIPPER WITH TWIZZLED SPROCKETS! WHAT A PRIVILEGE!
THINK AGAIN, TEKNO!
TOO BAD I'M SCARED OF FLYING! HELLLP!

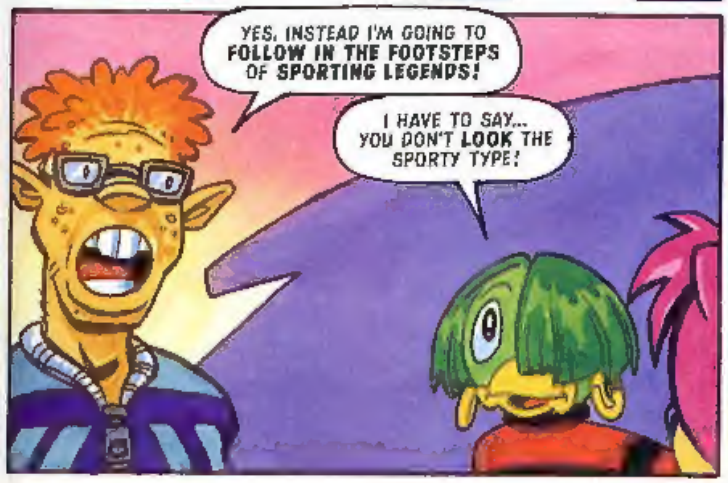

ALLOW ME TO DO THE HONOURS THIS TIME!

PTYANNG!
FOOM!
OH MY GIDDY AUNT!

TOLD YOU I'D CATCH YOU LATER!
THANK GOODNESS!

LATER...

I'VE DECIDED... BADNIK SPOTTING IS **NOT** THE HOBBY FOR ME!
THAT'S A RELIEF, NORRIS!


YES, INSTEAD I'M GOING TO **FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SPORTING LEGENDS!**
I HAVE TO SAY... YOU DON'T **LOOK** THE SPORTY TYPE!

I'M NOT! I'M GOING TO **MEASURE** AND **LIST** THE BOOT MARKS OF THE PLAYERS! FASCINATING!
ONCE A GEEK, **ALWAYS** A GEEK!
THE END!
NEXT ISSUE: STAR STRUCK!

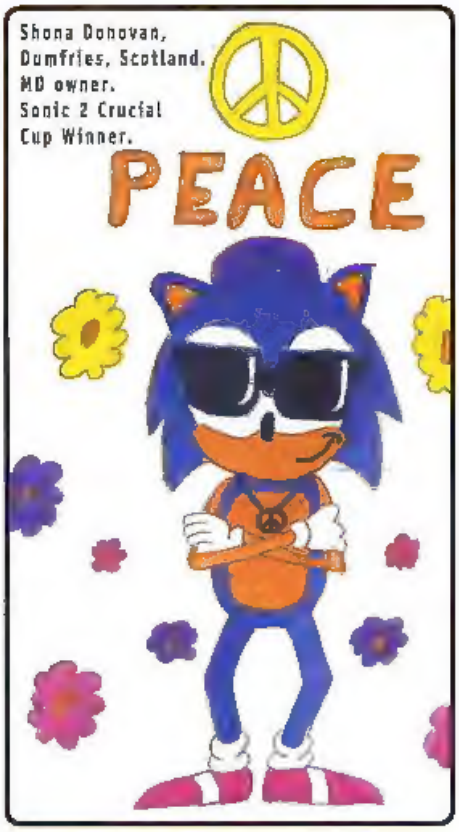
SIMPLETONS!

Dear Megadroid,

I am writing to say that Captain Plunder is now rubbish! I was a fan a long time ago, but it all went wrong when he met Simpson the Cat! In *STC* 50, Plunder told Simpson to turn out a light - simple enough request you might think, but the stupid cat swallowed it and the light came out of his eyes! This will encourage readers to swallow light bulbs, so what I suggest is to STOP putting Simpson in the Captain Plunder stories.

Robert Hardie, Leicestershire.
Sonic 2 Crucial Cup Winner.

They'd have to be pretty dim to swallow a lightbulb, Robert!



TALENT SPOTTER!

Dear Megadroid,

I would just like to tell you that I think some of the very best artists work on your comic. By the way, in the next issue could you please print a pin-up of Metal Knuckles?

Ciaran McNulty, Derry, N Ireland.
Sonic 2 Crucial Cup Winner.

See what you get for being so tasteful, Ciaran? There's a double-page Metallix pin-up coming up sharp'ish next issue!

THE VERY IDEA!

Dear *STC*,

I thought you might like to hear about a character I've created to be Sonic's pal; he goes by the name of Cinos and lives in a dimension from the past. He's able to run in reverse and - in case you haven't noticed - even his name is Sonic spelt backwards!

Daniel Simons, Allerton, Liverpool.
Sonic 2 Crucial Cup Winner.

Script-hume Lew Stringer requests that in future you keep your ideas to yourself, Daniel, in case his career starts going backwards!